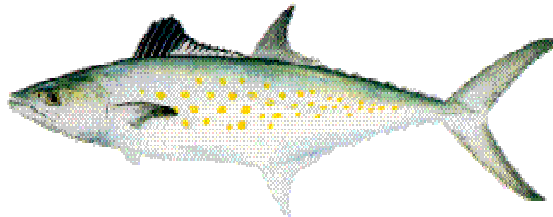


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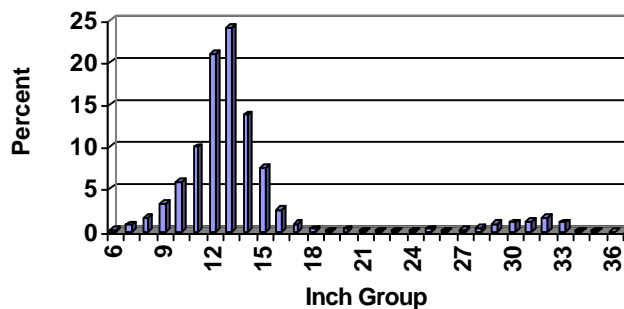
1997 Fact Sheet

North Carolina

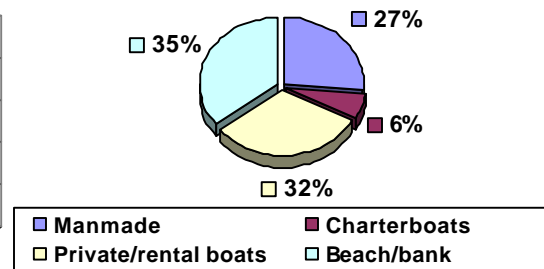


Species	Number Harvested (thousands)	Pounds Harvested (thousands)	Number Released (thousands)
BLUEFISH	726	1310	1119
DOLPHINS	538	4853	7
SPOT	1404	701	442
KING MACKEREL	194	1802	34
SPANISH MACKEREL	569	838	137

Harvested Bluefish Length Frequency



Saltwater Fishing Trips by Mode
1997 Total: 4.78 million



Did You Know...?

- ★ Over 1.32 million anglers participated in North Carolina's recreational saltwater fishery in 1997.
- ★ North Carolina anglers ranked second in recreational harvest of spot for 1997.
- ★ MRFSS field interviewers have identified 154 species of fish caught in North Carolina waters.
- ★ Over 179,000 saltwater anglers have been interviewed at North Carolina fishing sites since the MRFSS began in 1979.